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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS AND EIS RAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Kremmling Field Office
Tuesday, November 27, 2007 (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

SUMMARY NOTES

Attendees: BLM & Contractor: Dave Stout (BLM), Joe Stout (BLM), John Monkouski (BLM), Andy Windsor (BLM), David Batts (EMPS Inc.), Angie Adams (Tetra Tech, Inc.)

Northwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC): Clare Bastable

RAC Subcommittee Members: Randy Miller (North Park Snowsnakes, Walden), Jim McDaniel (big game permittee, Walden), Nick Peterson (Power World, Granby), Andrew Peterson (Cutthroat Anglers, Silverthorne), Holly Whitten (hiking, Fraser), Carol Petersen (grazing permittee, Kremmling), Jerry Stahl (Grand County Wilderness Group, Granby), Dave Costlow (Mad Adventures [whitewater rafting], Kremmling), Keith Sanders (mountain biking, Fraser)

General Public: Mike Ingle (Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Grand Lake)

Handouts:

- Agenda
- List of KFO participants on RAC Subcommittee
- List of GSFO participants on RAC Subcommittee
- Draft functioning of the Cooperating Agencies and Resource Advisory Council Subgroup (11/6/07)
- Acronyms list (from GSFO public scoping meetings, April 10-12, 2007)
- Section 4: Planning Criteria (from the Glenwood Springs & Kremmling Field Offices RMP revisions Scoping Summary Report [August 2007])
- Scoping issue statements
- Draft management unit map of GSFO and KFO (11/27/07)
- Highlights of the RMP process to date (November 2007)
- Printed slides from slideshow: "Overview of the Project and Planning Process"
- Draft scoping comments summarized by resource/resource uses to assist in alternatives development (11/2/07)
- Printed slides from slideshow, "Resource Management Plan Revision Recreation Section"
- Printed screen capture of BLM's public RMP website home page (www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo/)

WELCOME

David Batts, Dave Stout, and Joe Stout welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. Clare Bastable, Northwest RAC, explained how and why the RAC Subcommittee was assembled, and what the RAC's and RAC Subcommittee's roles are. Round robin of self-introductions.

RAC SUBCOMMITTEE FUNCTIONS, CHARTER, AND ROLE

- **What BLM needs, tasks, and general functioning of RAC Subcommittee:** See handout “Draft functioning of the Cooperating Agencies and Resource Advisory Council Subgroup (11/6/07).”
 - Working in parallel with this RAC Subcommittee are the Cooperating Agencies. They bring certain expertise to the process and are generally government agencies. The RAC Subcommittee was formed to get more input from citizens and the public.
 - Focus of the RAC Subcommittee is on developing a reasonable range of alternatives, and also to contribute to recreation and travel management. This group does not need to reach consensus; the focus should be that the alternatives address a reasonable range of options.
 - This group tonight is a subcommittee of the Northwest RAC. The RACs provide feedback on planning processes or projects being done throughout the region they cover. The RAC makes formal recommendations to the BLM. Feedback from the RAC Subcommittee will be made through the RAC (via the RAC representatives on the subcommittee) to the BLM.
 - Both the Cooperating Agencies and the RAC Subcommittee will provide feedback on the process; BLM will make final decisions and determinations.
- **Role of RAC members on subcommittee:** Does this RAC Subcommittee want to appoint a chairperson or co-chairpersons to help organize and report back to RAC in addition to the RAC representative?
 - Clare will discuss this with RAC and RAC Subcommittee will be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Schedule:**
 - RAC Subcommittee: want to meet at least once in December 2007, twice in January 2008, and twice in February 2008. Meetings are announced in *Federal Register* two weeks in advance, so meetings scheduled in advance are a necessity.
 - Recreation alternatives will be developed first (through February 2008). After that, then travel management will be addressed (likely beginning in March 2008). RAC Subcommittee will likely meet through March or April 2008.
- **FACA (Federal Advisory Committee Act) issues:** RAC Subcommittee meetings are always open to the public. There will be an opportunity at the end of each meeting where the public can comment.
- **Define quorum:** Consensus of RAC Subcommittee is not expected. A quorum will define how to take formal recommendations to the RAC. How to define a quorum for this RAC Subcommittee will be discussed at a future meeting.

PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW (slideshow)

- Refer to handout “Acronyms list (from GSFO public scoping meetings, April 10-12, 2007)”
- Appendix C of BLM’s Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1) is available online or by request to BLM.
- Goal of doing Glenwood Springs and Kremmling Field Offices RMP revisions together is to capture the synergy across the two administrative boundaries.
- Refer to handout “Section 4: Planning Criteria (from the Glenwood Springs & Kremmling Field Offices RMP revisions Scoping Summary Report [August 2007])”
- Refer to handout “Scoping issue statements”
- This RAC Subcommittee was formed primarily to provide input and expertise related to recreation and travel management, but the group is still welcome to provide input on other resources/resource uses should they choose
- Refer to “draft management unit map of GSFO and KFO (11/27/07)”. These units are draft and open to feedback. Only the yellow areas are BLM. There are five units in the KFO. One unit covers both KFO and GSFO. Units are based on results of the North-central Colorado Community Assessment Report for the BLM GSFO and KFO (March 2007) and BLM interdisciplinary team input.
- Refer to handout “Highlights of the RMP process to date (November 2007)”
- Refer to handout of printed slides from slideshow, “Overview of the Project and Planning Process”
- Refer to handout “Draft scoping comments summarized by resource/resource uses to assist in alternatives development (11/2/07)”

PLANNING PROCESS TO DATE

- Refer to handout “Highlights of the RMP process to date (November 2007)”

BLM RECREATION PLANNING (Presentation by Andy Windsor, BLM Recreation Specialist)

- Refer to handout of printed slides from slideshow, “Resource Management Plan Revision Recreation Section”

NEXT STEPS

- We will present recreation alternatives at December RAC Subcommittee meeting.
- Next KFO RAC Subcommittee meetings are scheduled as follows. All RAC Subcommittee meetings will be 5:00pm – 7:30pm in Kremmling. Dinner will be served at each meeting. Joe Stout will email advance notification of each meeting to each RAC Subcommittee member.
 - Wednesday, December 12, 2007
 - Thursday, January 17, 2008
 - Tuesday, January 29, 2008

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- No other discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

- None.

ACTION ITEMS/NEXT MEETING

- ☐ For future meeting dates, see “Next Steps” above.
- ☐ **Angie:** change management unit maps to “Larimee River” unit (not “Larimer River”)
- ☐ **Joe/Angie:** on next meeting agenda, include BLM RMP public website address
- ☐ **Joe/David/Angie:** for next meeting, consider a handout of goals, objectives, and actions descriptions (similar to handout for BLM interdisciplinary teams at kickoff of alternatives development process)
- ☐ **David/Angie:** updated handout “Highlights of the RMP process to date (November 2007)” as needed and provide to RAC Subcommittee at future meetings
- ☐ **David/Angie:** on next meeting agenda, need to include how to define a quorum for this Subcommittee; need to define a number that is adequate representation.
- ☐ **David/Angie:** on next meeting agenda, need to discuss whether RAC Subcommittee wants to appoint a chairperson or co-chairpersons to help organize and report back to RAC in addition to the RAC representative

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